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SUBJ: GOP TO SEEK ADDITIONAL HERCULES AIRCRAFT

1. LOCKHEED REPRESENTATIVE METHVIN REPORTS GOP DECISION TO EXERCISE OPTION TO PURCHASE ONE L-100-20 HERCULES AIRCRAFT FROM PRODUCTION LINE FOR OCTOBER 1975 DELIVERY. OPTION FOR SECOND PURCHASE TURNED DOWN. LOCKHEED HAD PRESSED GOP FOR IMMEDIATE DECISION ON OPTIONS IN VIEW STRONG DEMAND FROM OTHER POTENTIAL PURCHASERS. ACCORDING METHVIN, GOP LIKELY SEEK EXIM FINANCING OF THIS ADDITIONAL TO PRESENT FLEET OF THREE GOP-OWNED L-100-20'S. HE NOTED CONSIDERABLY EXPANDED UTILIZATION OF THESE CARGO AIRCRAFT, INCLUDING INTERNATIONAL HULAGE OF OFFICIAL CARGO, AND ALSO POSSIBLE MODIFICATION OF ONE PLANE INTO AMPHIBIAN VERSION (SEE BELOW). METHVIN ALSO INFORMED BY GOP THAT OFFICIAL REQUEST SUBMITTED TO USG FOR TWO MILITARY C-130-HERCULES AIRCRAFT (REPORTED SEPARTELY).

2. LOCKHEED REPS DURING VISIT TO MANILA CONDUCTED EXTENSIVE STUDY OF POSSIBLE MANUFACTURING FACILITY IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PHILIPPINES TO PRODUCE AMPHIBIAN VERSION OF HERCULES

INCLUDING FIBERGLASS HULL. LOCKHEED ANXIOUS TO HAVE
PROTOTYPE CONSTRUCTED IN ORDER PROMOTE DEVELOPMENT
AND KARKETING OF AMPHIBIAN. LOCKHEED ALSO INTERESTED
IN POSSIBLE PRODUCTION IN PHILIPPINES OF AMPHIBIAN
MODIFICATION. MELCHOR HAS TAKEN KEEN INTEREST IN
PROJECT AND POSSIBLE USE OF NEWLY CREATED GOVERNMENT
CORPORATION, PHILIPPINE AEROSPACE DEVELOPMENT
CORPORATION (PADC), OF WHICH HE IS ACTING BOARD CHAIRMAN,
AS IMPLEMENTING AGENCY. LOCKHEED TECHNICANS CON-
CLUDED THAT ALL NEEDED ELEMENTS OF PRODUCTION
CAPABILITY EXIST IN MANILA AREA, BUT NO SINGLE
ORGANIZATION NOW ABLE TO BRING THESE TOGETHER (PADC
MAY EVENTUALLY PROVIDE THIS BUT IS IN PRELIMINARY
STAGE OF ORGANIZATION). LOCKHEED IS DEFERRING ACTION
ON PHILIPPINE PRODUCTION, BUT METHVIN BELIEVES MELCHOR
WILL CONTINUE PURSUE MATTER ACTIVELY, POSSIBLY WITH THOUGHT
OF USING ONE OF PRESENT GOP AIRCRAFT FOR PROTOTYPE.
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